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**ATTENTION: APPLICATIONS BRANCH**

**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF APPLICATION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Re: Serial No.: **09/686,997**  
Applicant(s): **Olivier DE LACHARRIERE et al.**  
Filing Date: **October 12, 2000**  
For: **USE OF DHEA OR PRECURSORS OR METABOLIC DERIVATIVES  
THEREOF AS A DEPIGMENTING AGENT**

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Filing of Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.53(f)  
Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition (3 pages executed)  
Return Copy - Notice to File Missing Parts of Application**

Our check in the amount of \$-0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated December 4, 2000, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith, attached to the specification, is believed to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

The undersigned hereby states that the specification to which the Declaration is attached is a true copy of the specification, and any amendments thereto, as originally filed in the Patent Office in order to obtain a filing date.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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